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SUBJ: LECANUET VISIT TO ITALY

REF: PARIS 22718

1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH LOECK OF THE CHANCELLERY, WE WERE TOLD THAT FRG HAD "TAKEN NOTE" OF LECANUET'S REPORTED STATEMENT CONCERNING AID FOR ITALY. HE ALSO SAID THE GERMANS WERE AWARE THAT THE FRENCH STATEMENT WAS, NO DOUBT, RELATED TO THE CHANCELLOR'S COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT. HOWEVER, LOECK DID NOT THINK THE CHANCELLOR WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BY THE FRENCH STATEMENT, AND IT WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY RIPPLES IN FRENCH/GERMAN RELATIONS.

2. LOECK ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE FRENCH READINESS TO AID WAS PHRASED "IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN
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SOLIDARITY", WHICH THE FRG, HOWEVER, INTERPRETED

TO MEAN NOT THROUGH THE EC BUT THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND.

3. THE CHANCELLERY HAS INSTRUCTED THE FEDERAL SPOKESMAN IF ASKED ABOUT THE LECANUET STATEMENT, TO GIVE A LOW-KEY RESPONSE, WELCOMING THE EXPRESSION OF FRENCH INTEREST IN ASSISTING ITALY, WITHOUT ELABORATING ANY FURTHER. SO FAR, IT APPEARS THAT THE FEDERAL SPOKESMAN HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO NEED FOR OFFICIAL GERMAN COMMENT.

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